THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.7706 of 2007

Date: 16.04.2007

Between:

S.V.J.Sarma.

....Petitioner

And

Govt. of A.P., rep., by its Principal Secretary, Revenue, Secretariat, Hyderabad and another.

....Respondents

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O R D E R:

Petitioner claims to be the absolute owner and possessor of land admeasuring 300 square yards in Survey No.61/1 of Vijinigiripalem Village, Adivivaram Gram Panchayat, Visakhapatnam District. The land is said to have been divided into plots, after obtaining permission from the Gram Panchayat. It is stated that the petitioner intended to sell the said plots and in that process, approached the second respondent, to register the same in favour of the intending purchasers. The grievance of the petitioner is that the second respondent is not entertaining any documents for registration, on the ground that the Government issued a notification under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908 (for short 'the Act'), in respect of the land in the said Survey Number. This writ petition is filed seeking appropriate directions to the respondents, in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

Section 22-A of the Act empowered the Government to issue notifications, almost preventing the registration of documents in respect of the lands to be mentioned therein. Such a power was held to be *ultra vires* and the provision was struck down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***State of Rajasthan v. Basanth Nahata***[1]**.**

Once the sole basis for the second respondent to refuse registration had disappeared, he is under obligation to receive the documents and consider the same, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the second respondent to receive and process the documents, if any, presented by the petitioner and take necessary steps, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act, within one (1) week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J

Date: 16.04. 2007
Note: Issue C.C. in one week.
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[1] AIR 2005 SC 3401 = (2005) 12 SCC 77